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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was not dead as he had believed. For years, she'd watched her son from afar, ashamed of his villainous actions—but now that Victor is walking a winding road to redemption, she claimed she wanted to rekindle their relationship. Victor met her request with skepticism and anger.

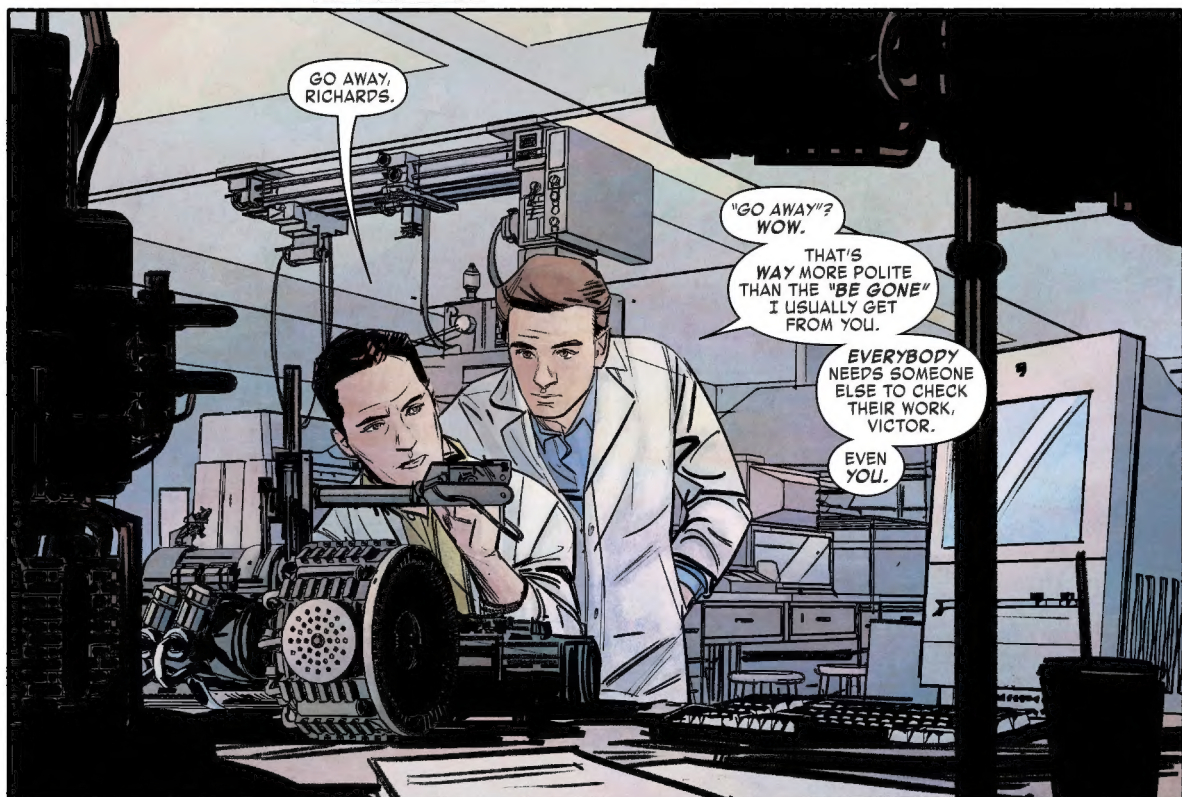
Meanwhile, a S.H.I.E.L.D. operation led by Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, continues to pursue Victor, believing his motives for taking out a number of other dangerous villains to be less-than-honorable.

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DO YOU
WANT ME TO
LOOK AT YOUR
WORK?



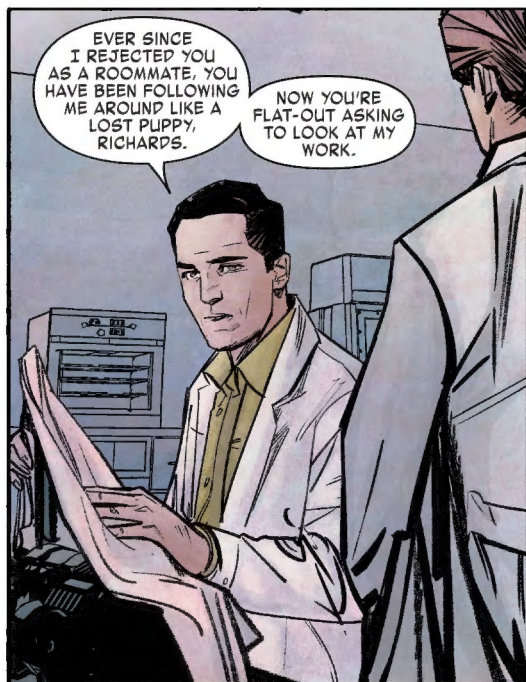
GO AWAY,
RICHARDS.

"GO AWAY"?
WOW.

THAT'S
WAY MORE POLITE
THAN THE "BE GONE"
I USUALLY GET
FROM YOU.

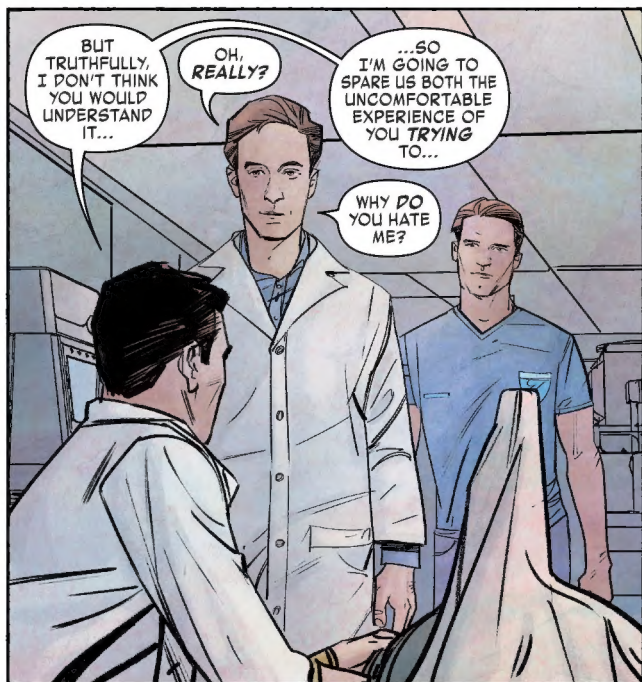
EVERYBODY
NEEDS SOMEONE
ELSE TO CHECK
THEIR WORK,
VICTOR.

EVEN
YOU.



EVER SINCE
I REJECTED YOU
AS A ROOMMATE, YOU
HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING
ME AROUND LIKE A
LOST PUPPY,
RICHARDS.

NOW YOU'RE
FLAT-OUT ASKING
TO LOOK AT MY
WORK.

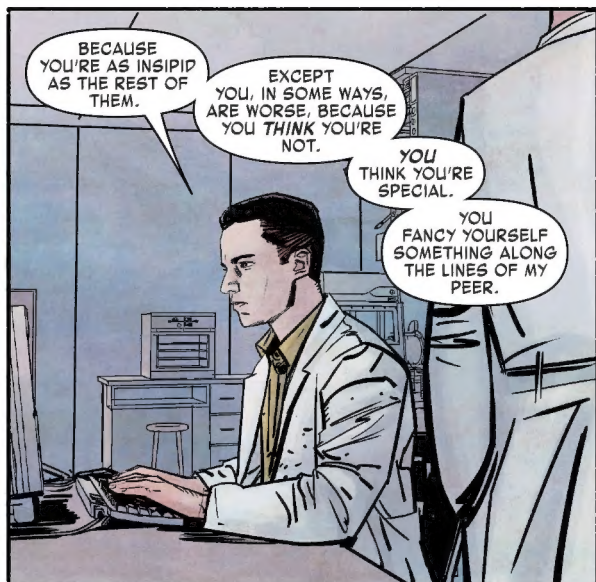


BUT
TRUTHFULLY,
I DON'T THINK
YOU WOULD
UNDERSTAND
IT...

OH,
REALLY?

...SO
I'M GOING TO
SPARE US BOTH THE
UNCOMFORTABLE
EXPERIENCE OF
YOU TRYING
TO...

WHY DO
YOU HATE
ME?

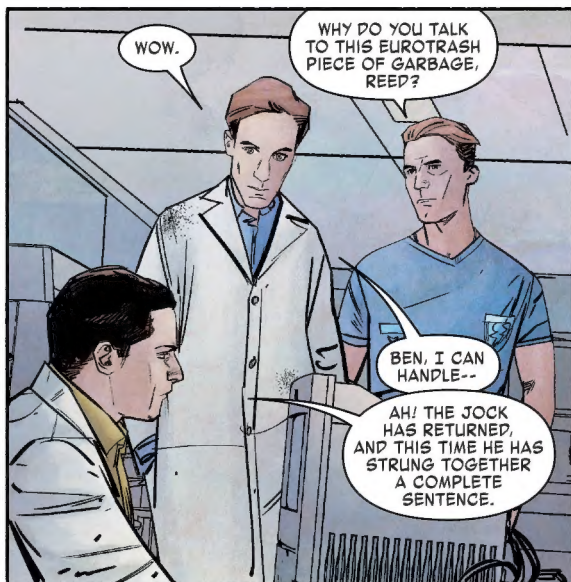


BECAUSE YOU'RE AS INSIPID AS THE REST OF THEM.

EXCEPT YOU, IN SOME WAYS, ARE WORSE, BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT.

YOU THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL.

YOU FANCY YOURSELF SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF MY PEER.



WOW.

WHY DO YOU TALK TO THIS EUROTRASH PIECE OF GARBAGE, REED?

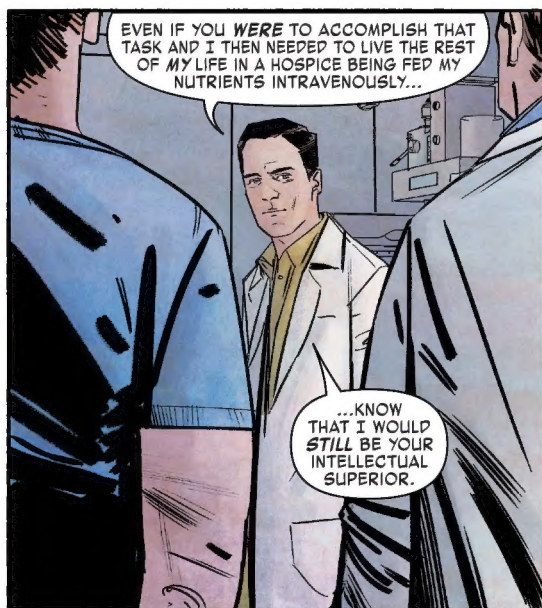
BEN, I CAN HANDLE--

AH! THE JOCK HAS RETURNED, AND THIS TIME HE HAS STRUNG TOGETHER A COMPLETE SENTENCE.



LET'S ALL STOP WHAT WE'RE DOING AND BASK IN THE YOUNG MAN'S ACHIEVEMENT.

YO, DUDE, JUST KNOW THAT EVERY DAY THAT I DON'T PUNCH YOUR NOSE INTO THE BACK OF YOUR SKULL IS A PERSONAL VICTORY OF SELF-CONTROL FOR ME.

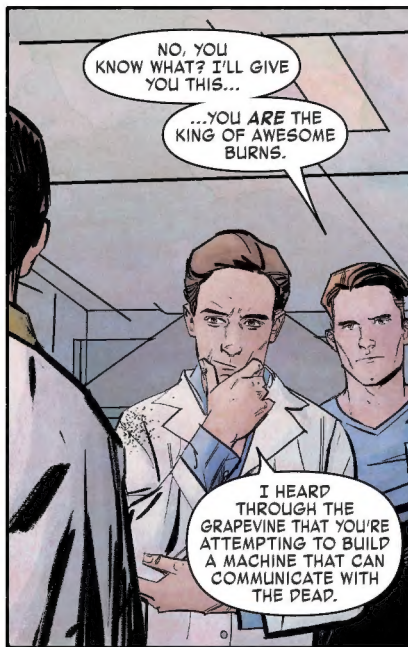


EVEN IF YOU WERE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT TASK AND I THEN NEEDED TO LIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE IN A HOSPICE BEING FED MY NUTRIENTS INTRAVENOUSLY...

...KNOW THAT I WOULD STILL BE YOUR INTELLECTUAL SUPERIOR.



OKAY, LET'S TEST THAT THEORY, YOU WALKING PILE OF--



NO, YOU KNOW WHAT? I'LL GIVE YOU THIS...

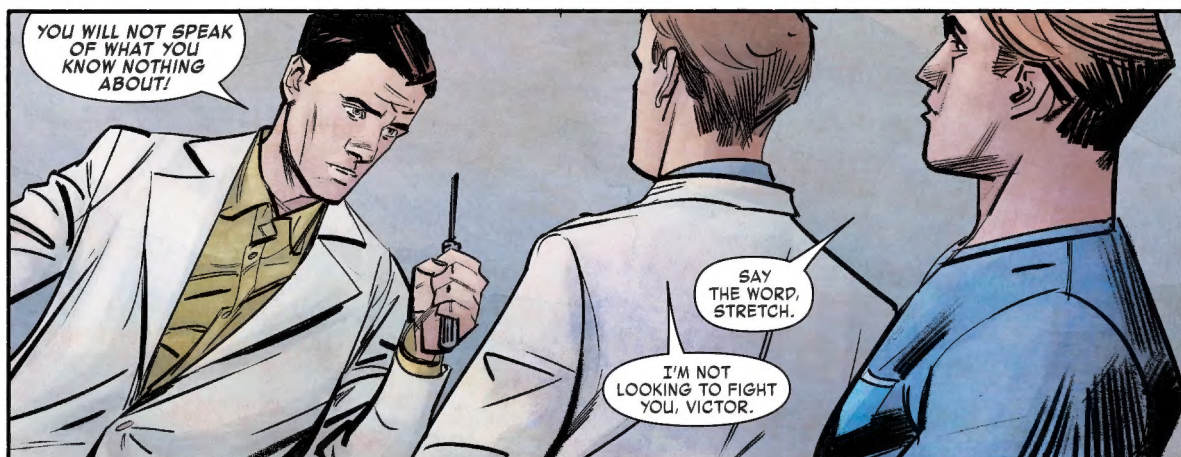
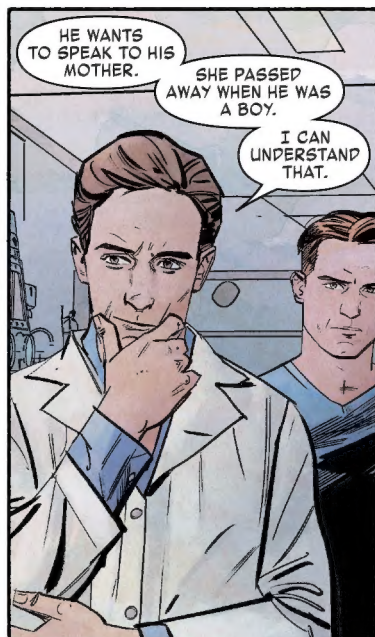
...YOU ARE THE KING OF AWESOME BURNS.

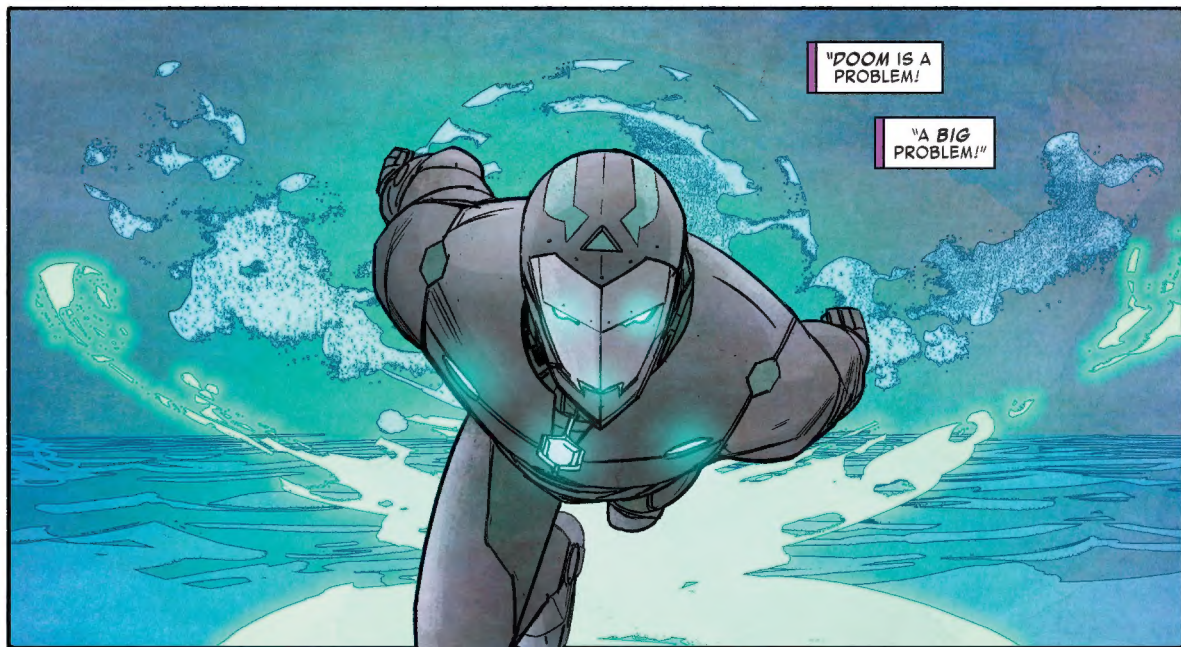
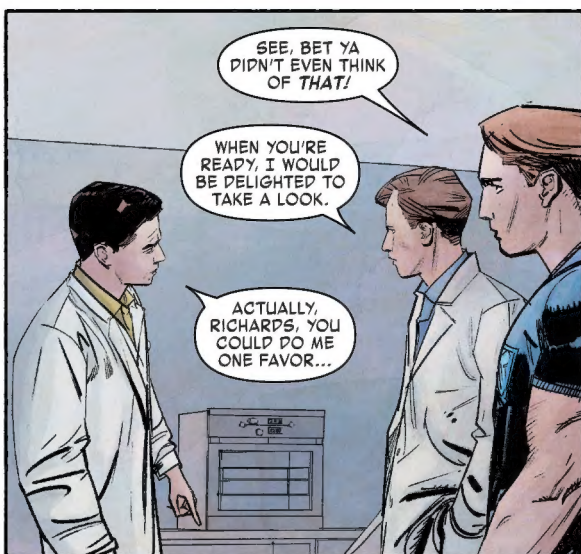
I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A MACHINE THAT CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAD.

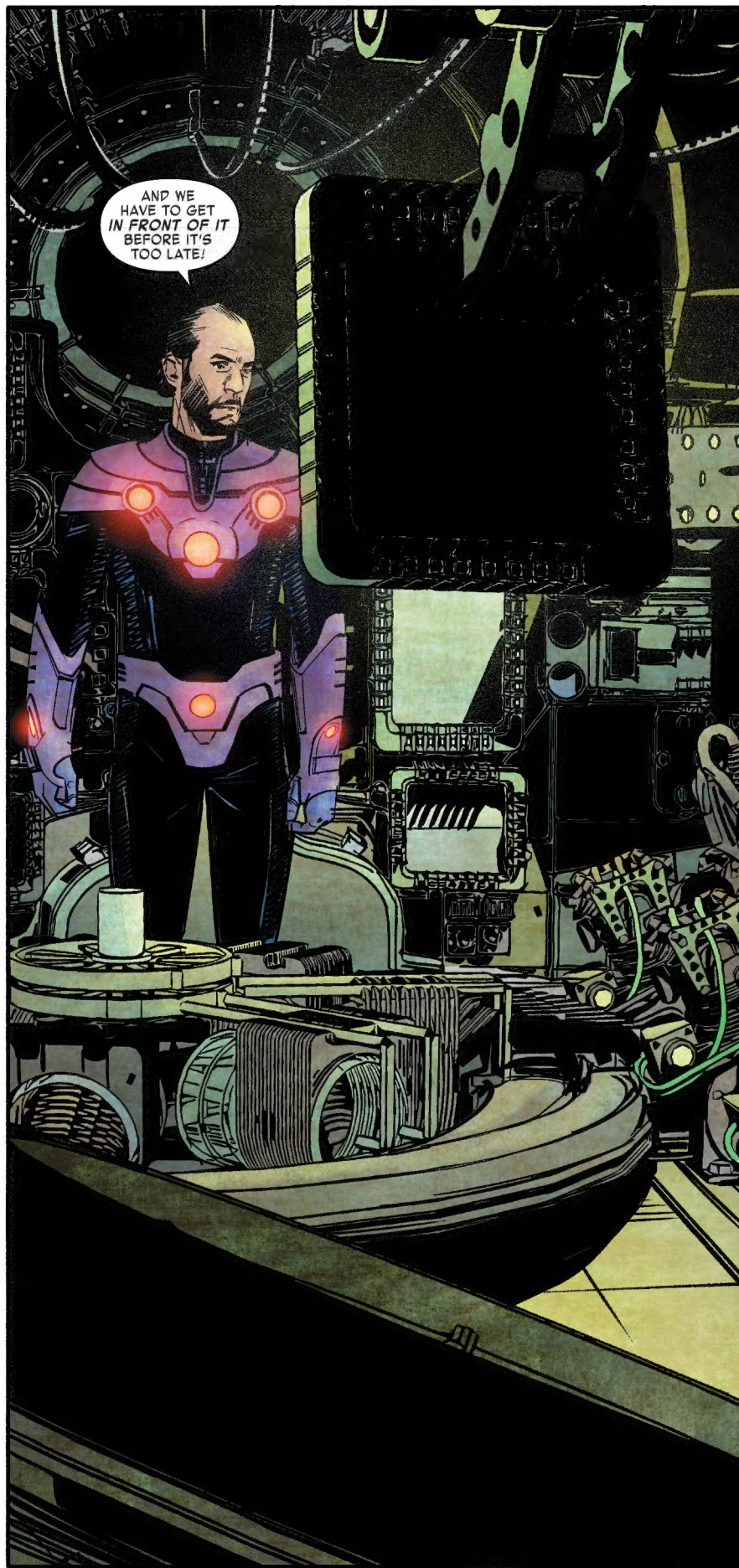


WHY D'YOU WANT TO TALK TO THE DEAD WHEN YOU BARELY WANT TO TALK TO ANYONE WHO IS ACTUALLY ALIVE?

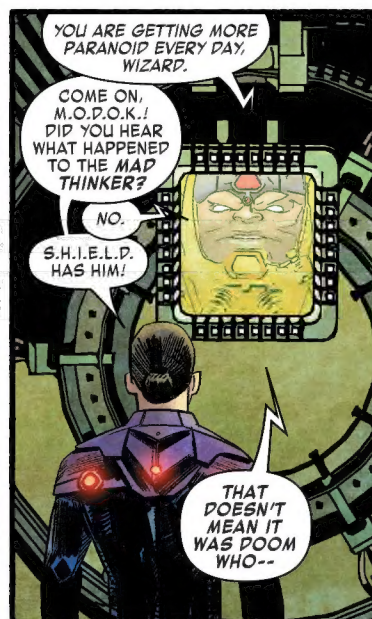
DECENT POINT.







AND WE
HAVE TO GET
IN FRONT OF IT
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!



YOU ARE GETTING MORE
PARANOID EVERY DAY,
WIZARD.

COME ON,
M.O.D.O.K.! DID YOU HEAR
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE MAD
THINKER?

NO.

S.H.I.E.L.D.
HAS HIM!

THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN IT
WAS DOOM
WHO--



GEORGE!
HE LET PEOPLE
FILM HIM! IT'S
ONLINE!

I'M
NOT BEING
PARANOID.

FIRST
PIABLO, THEN THE
MAD THINKER.
WE'RE NEXT!

THERE
ARE ALL KINDS OF
NEWS REPORTS THAT HE
TRASHED THE HELL OUT
OF HIS OLD HOME
COUNTRY.



HE'S ON
A TEAR!

HE'S
COMING AFTER
US NEXT!



WE NEED TO
GET TOGETHER WITH
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
INTELLIGENCIA, WE NEED TO
GET THE MAD THINKER OUT
OF CUSTODY AND THEN WE
NEED TO MAKE A
PLAN TO--



WHAT?

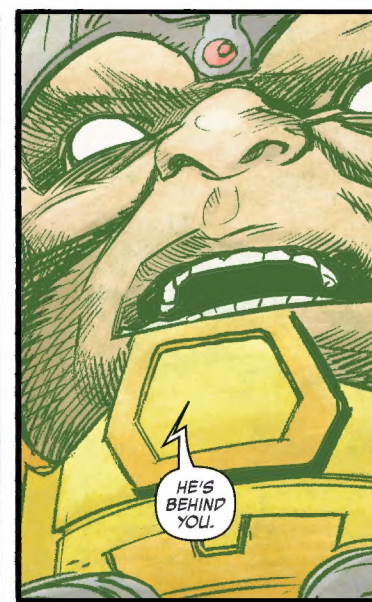


YOU'RE RIGHT,
BENTLEY.

YOU'RE
COMPLETELY
RIGHT.

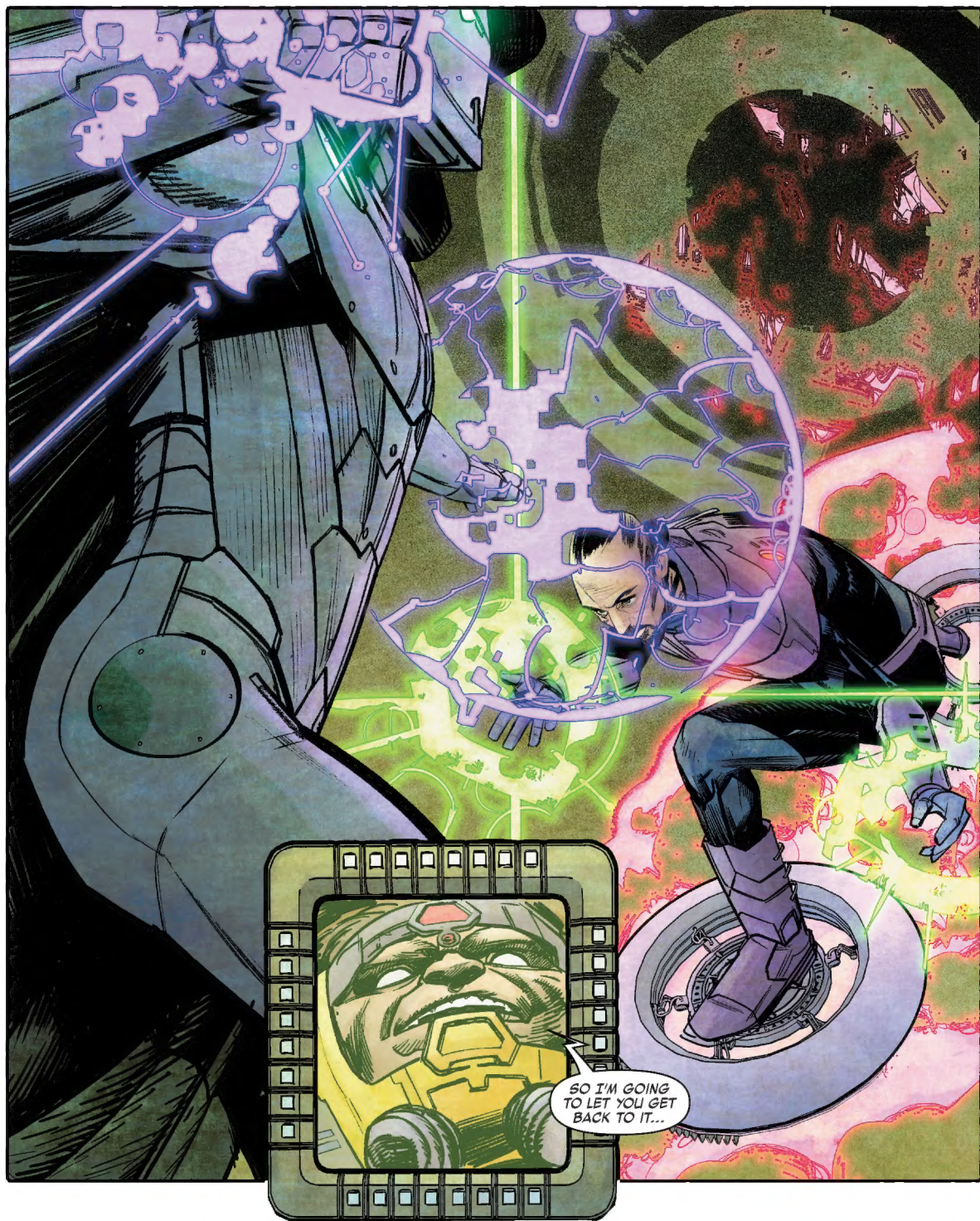


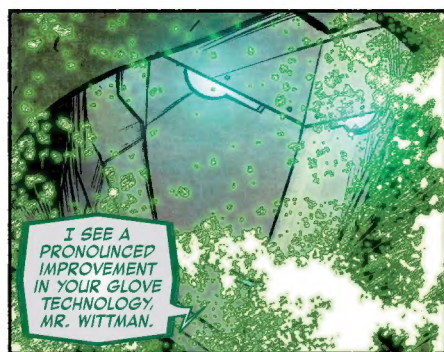
ARE YOU BEING
CONDESCENDING TO
ME BECAUSE OF THAT ONE
TIME I TOLD YOU YOUR
CHAIR MADE YOU
LOOK--

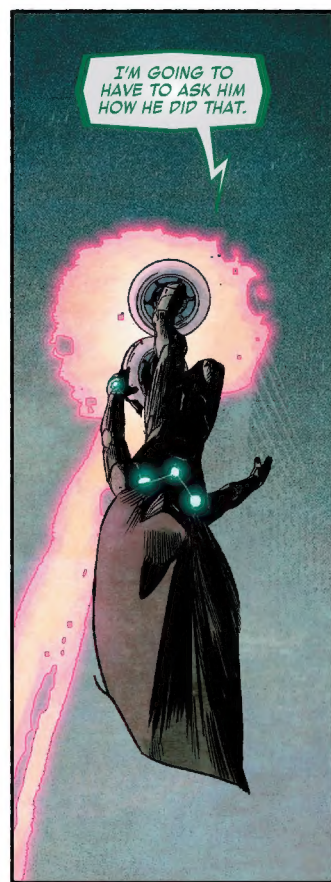
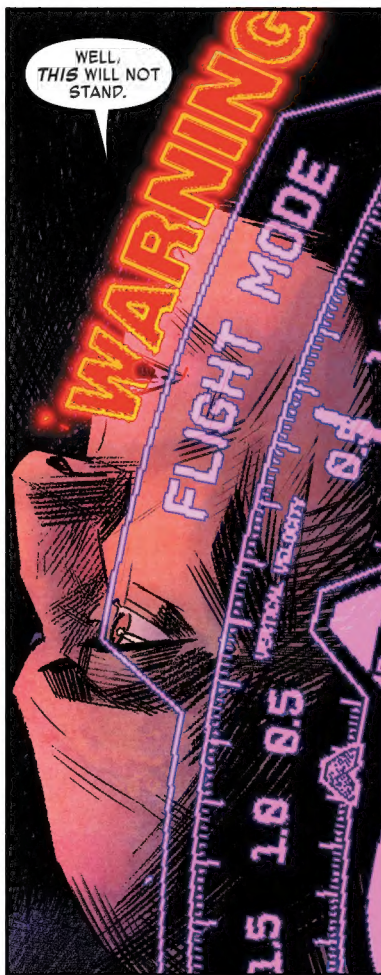


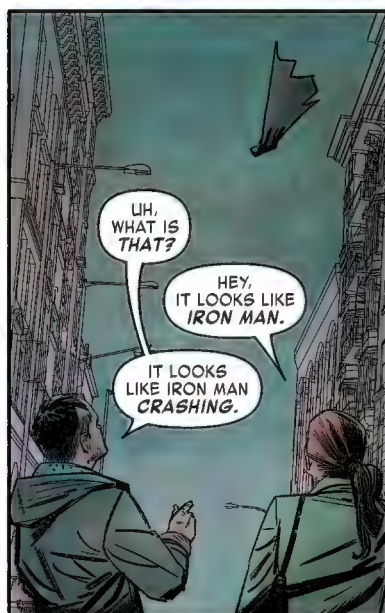
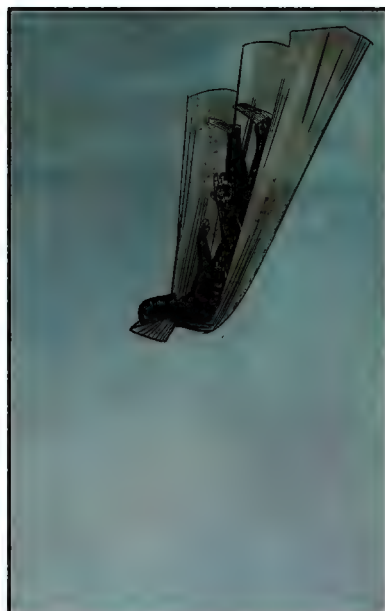
HE'S
BEHIND
YOU.

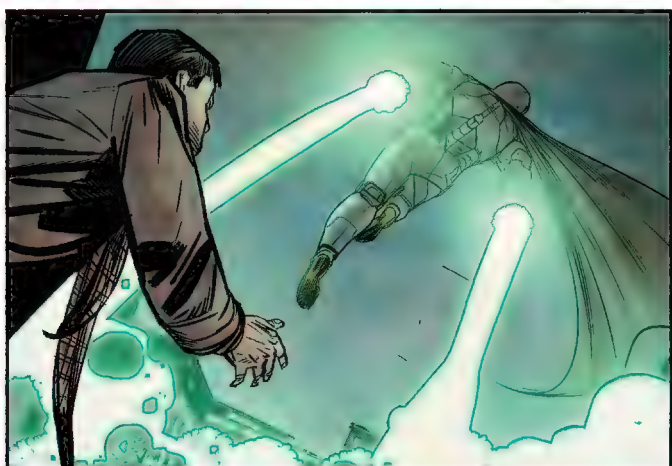


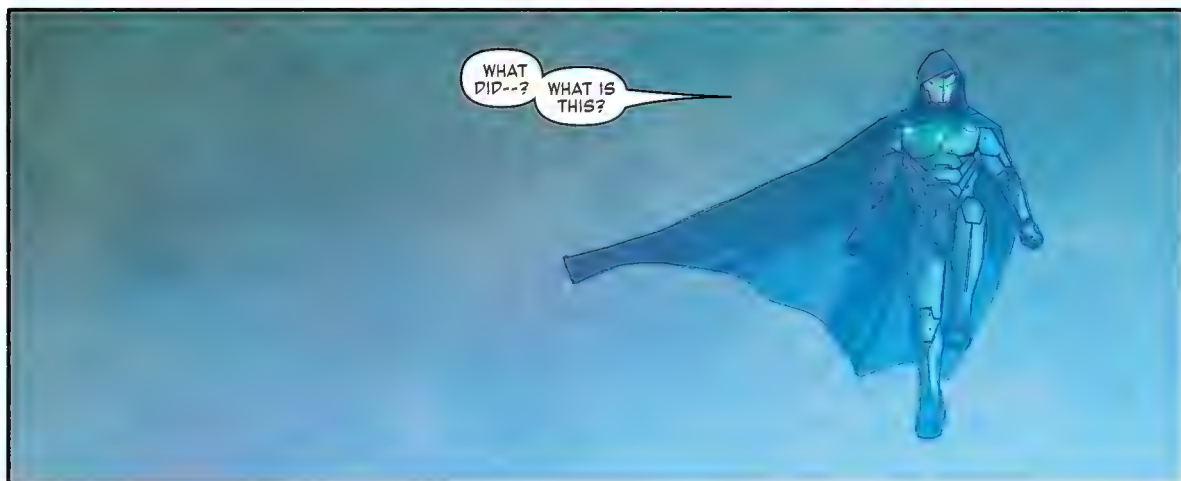
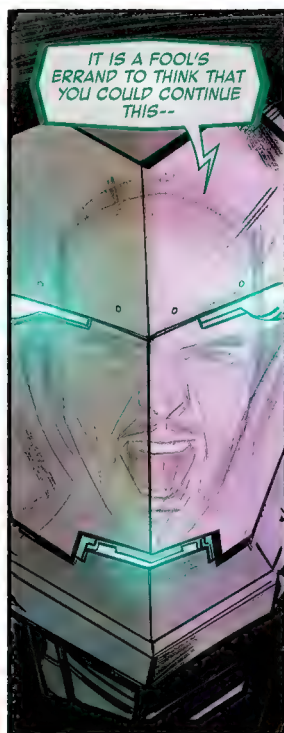
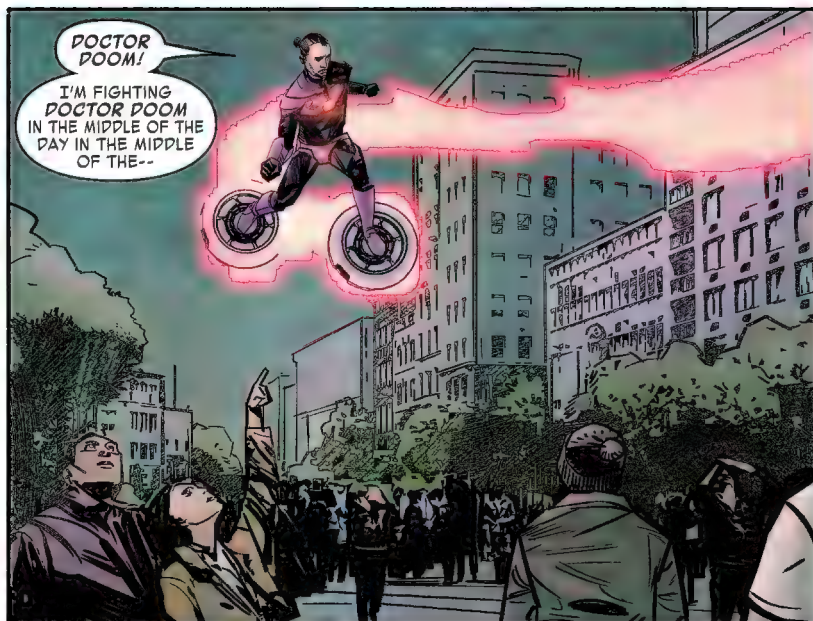


















SEE?
HE FELL.

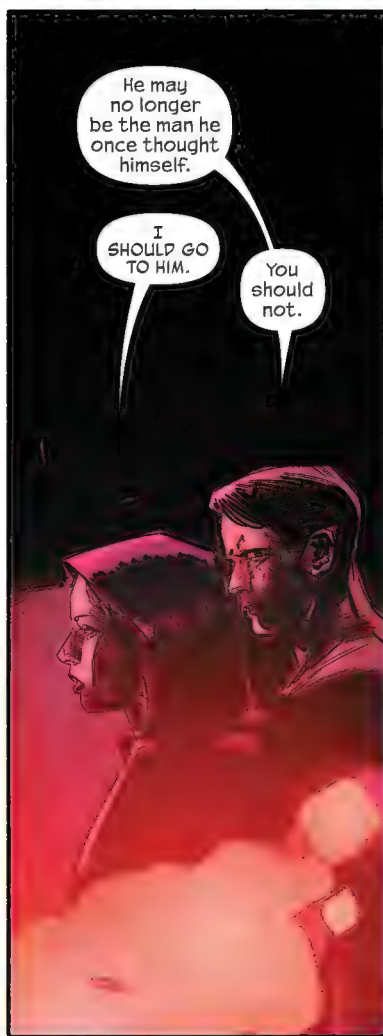
He battles
quite often. There
will be blood.

THIS WAS
DIFFERENT.

HE
WAS--HE WAS
DISTRACTED
IN BATTLE,
REED.

THIS
IS VICTOR. HE
DOESN'T GET
DISTRACTED.

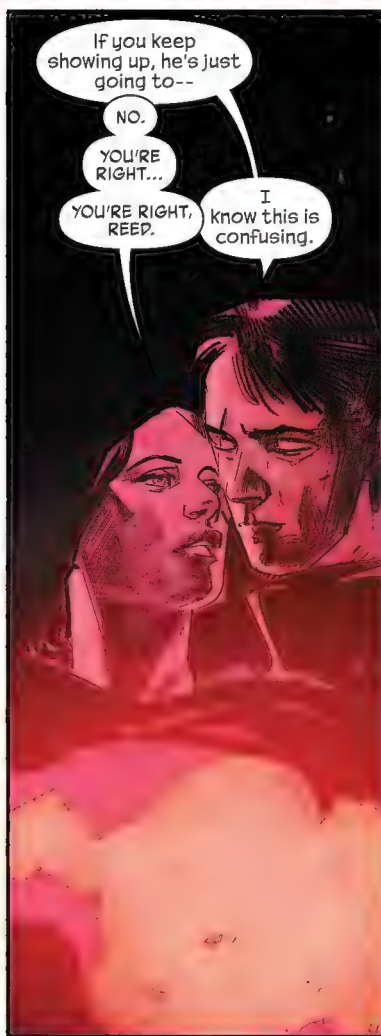
I would
normally agree,
Cynthia, but your boy
has been undergoing
quite a few life
changes.



He may
no longer
be the man he
once thought
himself.

I
SHOULD GO
TO HIM.

You
should
not.



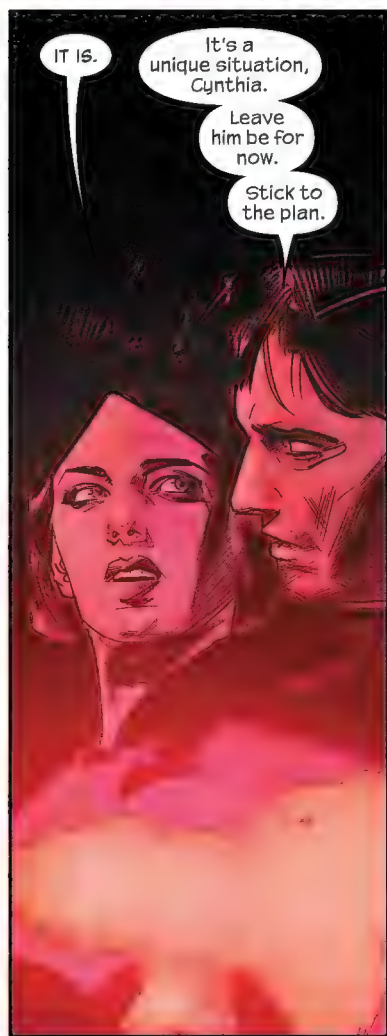
If you keep
showing up, he's just
going to--

NO.

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

YOU'RE RIGHT,
REED.

I
know this is
confusing.

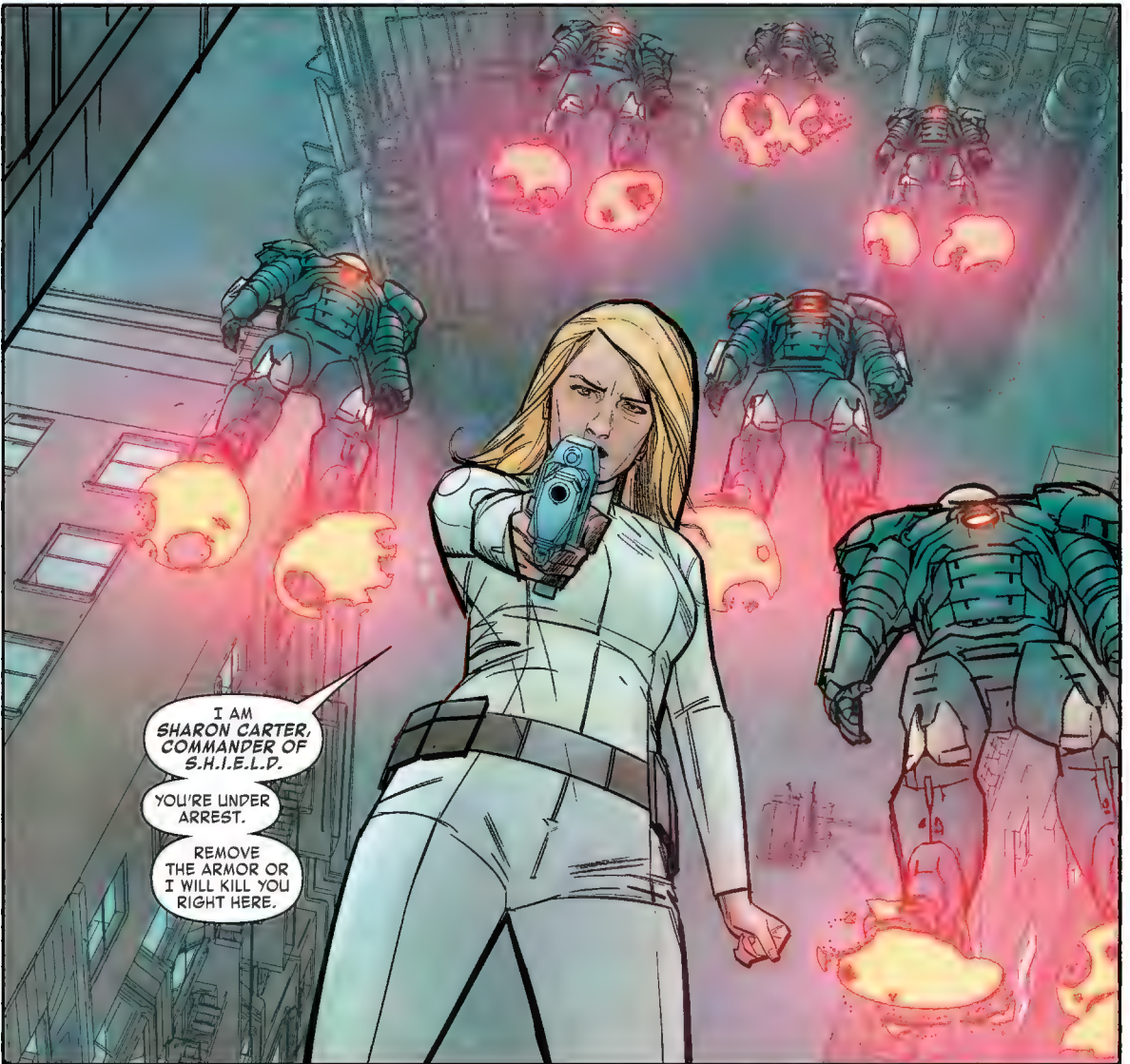
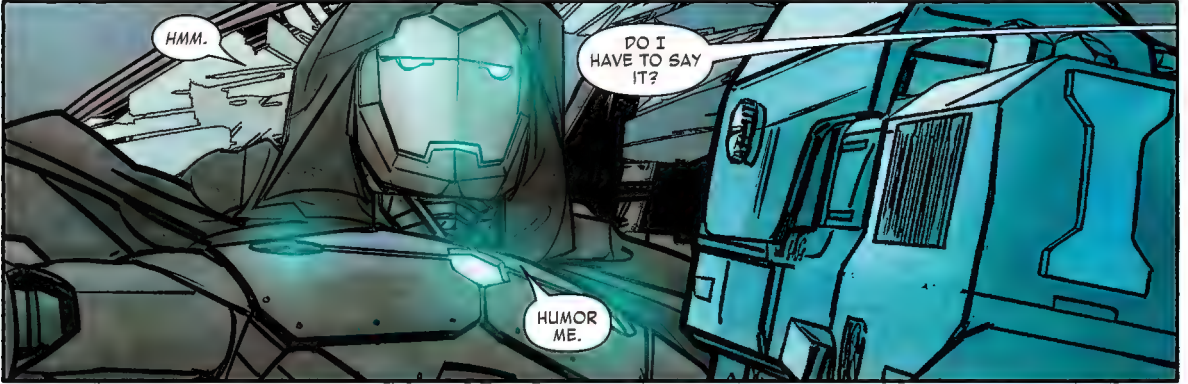
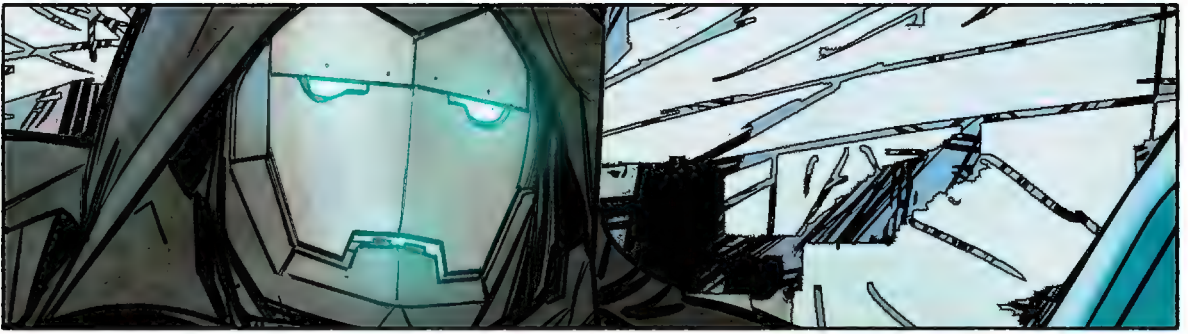


IT IS.

It's a
unique situation,
Cynthia.

Leave
him be for
now.

Stick to
the plan.



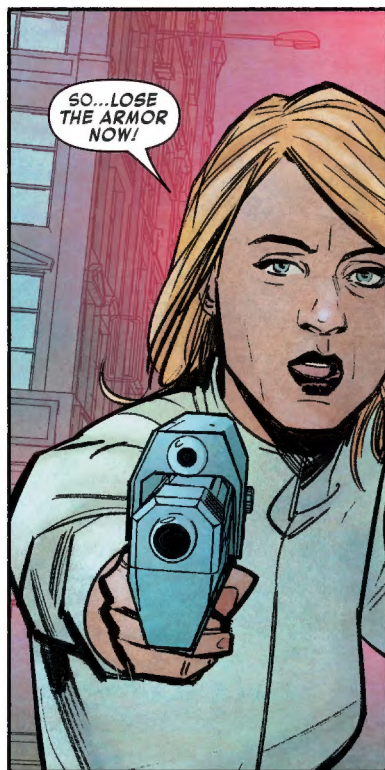


I ONLY
SPEAK TO MARIA
HILL.



MARIA HILL IS
NO LONGER WITH THE
ORGANIZATION.

SO WHATEVER
DEAL YOU HAD
WITH HER YOU CAN
CONSIDER "OFF
THE TABLE."



SO...LOSE
THE ARMOR
NOW!

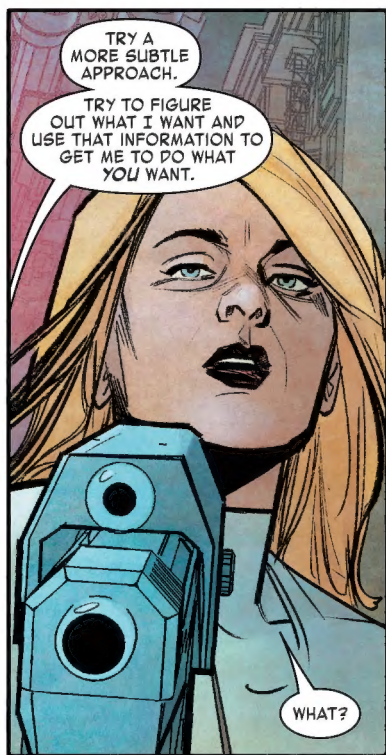


WHAT WAS
YOUR NAME
AGAIN?

STOP
STALLING ME,
DOOM!

MISS CARTER,
WHEN DEALING WITH
SOMEONE WITH MY UNIQUE
TEMPERAMENT AND
EGO...

...I WOULD
ADVISE AGAINST
THIS STRONG-ARM
TACTIC.



TRY A
MORE SUBTLE
APPROACH.

TRY TO FIGURE
OUT WHAT I WANT AND
USE THAT INFORMATION TO
GET ME TO DO WHAT
YOU WANT.

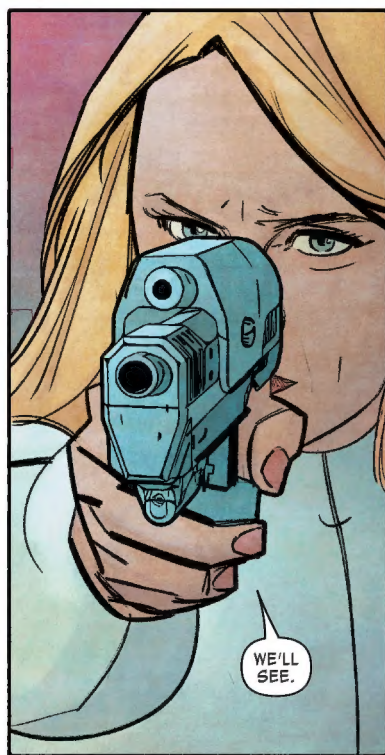
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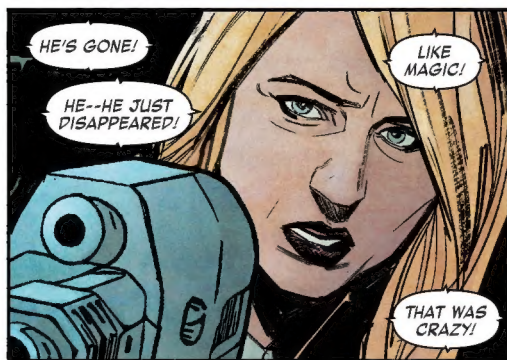
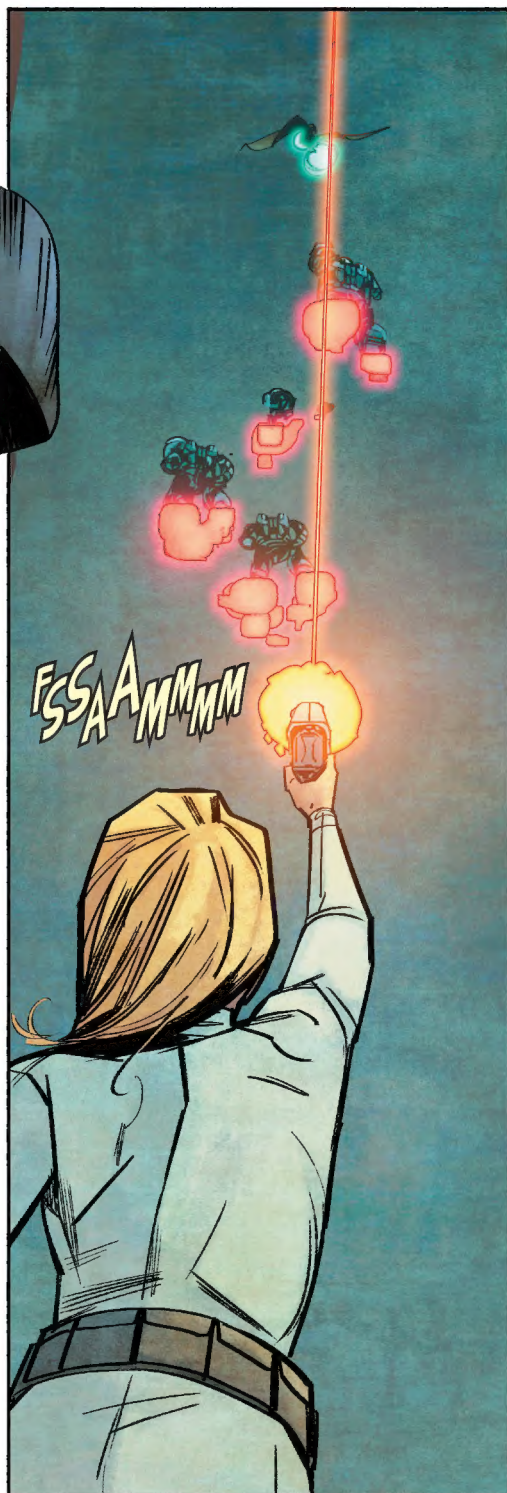
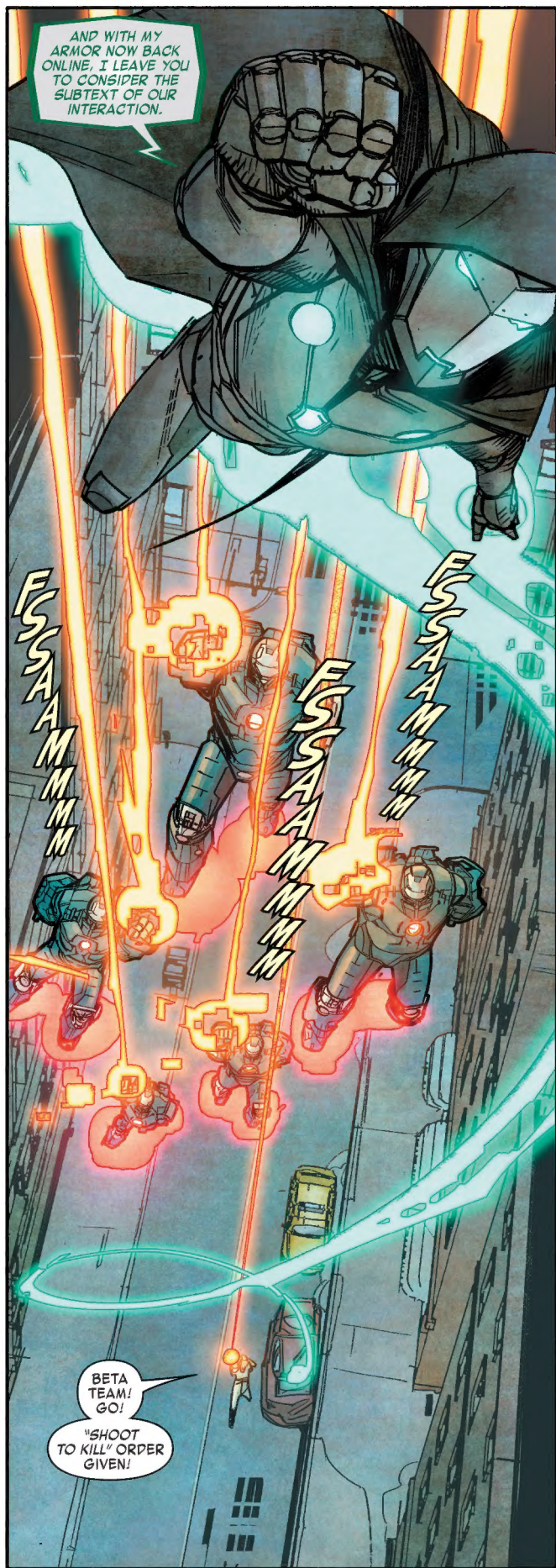
BECAUSE WHAT
YOU ARE DOING HERE WILL
NOT WORK.

THE CITY WILL
BE DAMAGED, YOU WILL
BE BLAMED...

...AND THE
NEXT TIME I FIND
MYSELF IN THIS TEMPORARY
CONUNDRUM, I WILL BE TALKING
TO SOME OTHER BRITTLE
WOMAN WHO IS IN OVER HER
HEAD AND REFUSING
TO ADMIT IT.



WE'LL
SEE.



CHICAGO.

RIRI
WILLIAMS!

DINNER
IS IN TEN.

--LIVE FROM THE STREETS OF PITTSBURGH,
A MAN DRESSED IN SOMETHING RESEMBLING
TONY STARK'S ICONIC IRON MAN ARMOR IS, AS
WE SPEAK, BEING CONFRONTED BY A SQUADRON
OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS LED BY SHARON CARTER.

WE CANNOT
CONFIRM OR
DENY IF IT IS
TONY STARK--

MOM!
I'M GOING
OUT!

DINNER'S
ALMOST
READY!

I'LL GRAB
SOMETHING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE:



CRIME DOESN'T PAY